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REV. D. GRAHAM, MODERATOR.
P. B. PEACOCK, RECORDING SECRETARY.
R. B. GORE, TREASURER.

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A motion that we stand adjourned one hour for refreshments. Motion carried. Doxology, and benediction by Rev. J. S. McKoy.

Afternoon Session.

Moderator called house to order by use of Hymn 933, "Oh, for an Overcoming Faith," etc.

Rev. J. S. McKoy offered a fervent prayer.

Roll was called. A majority of delegates was present. The Moderator extended an invitation to visitors. Rev. James Evans, of the Lumber River Association, came forward and was made welcome. Rev. John Flowers, of the Brunswick and Atlantic Association, came in and was made welcome.

By motion it was ordered that the minutes of the forenoon session be read. On motion they were adopted.

Letters of different churches were called for and read. By request, Rev. J. A. Spaulding was excused to conduct pastoral services at Aaron Swamp church, Robeson County, N. C.

By motion, it was ordered that we stand adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Doxology. Benediction by Moderator.

Friday Night Services.

The services were opened by singing Hymn No. 212, "Dark Was the Night," etc. Bible lesson (John, 14th chapter) by Rev. J. L. Fennell. Prayer by Rev. N. Robinson. Intermission, Hymn No. 744, "Far as Thy Name is Known," etc.

Rev. D. Graham then introduced as speaker of the hour, Rev. J. L. Fennell, to preach the introductory sermon. He chose for his text St. John, 14th chapter, 1st verse: "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. Theme, a whole Gospel. He showed how the preacher had crooked the Gospel to suit the fancy of the people and left the Gospel unpreached.

It will suffice to say that he preached a noble sermon. Rev. A. M. Martin, of the A. M. E. Z. Church, lead in prayer afterward.

The Financial Committee came forward and presented their claim and collected $2.15. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. N. Robbinson.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The weather being very rainy, at a late hour the Moderator called the Association to order by use of Hymn No. 638; then read 136th Psalm. Prayer by Rev. Dennis Blanks.

Roll was called and a majority of delegates being present the Moderator ordered the procedure of business.

The Minutes of last session were read and adopted. The Moderator then renewed the invitation to visitors. Rev. N. Robinson, of Hammond's Creek Association, and Rev. W. M. DeVane, of the Middle District Association, came forward and were made welcome.

A motion that a collection be taken at each session for the aid of the Association.

The Moderator called for petitionary letters. There were none.

St. John's church recommended Brother W. S. Mitchell for Elder's orders.

Rev. DeVane spake to the subject of taxation or dues for the support of the Association.

By motion, it was ordered that Brother F. E. Williams be excused from the body for the remainder of the session.

By motion, it was ordered that a committee be appointed to investigate the matter respecting the Sunday School Department. The committee—Rev. D. Blanks, C. J. Mitchell, J. W. Williams, H. E. Wortham and C. T. Troy.

Committee on Location beg leave to report as follows. (See report.) By motion report was received and committee discharged.

Committee on Periodicals reported. By motion, report was received and committee discharged. (See report.)

Committee on Education reported. By motion, report was received and committee discharged. (See report.)

Committee on Temperance reported. By motion, report was received and committee discharged. (See report.)

By motion, the following named brethren were appointed to revise the 17th Article of the Constitution: Revs. D. J. Moore, P. J. McKoy and D. D. Blanks. (See report.)

Committee on Post-Office Addresses reported. By motion, report was received and committee discharged. (See report.)

By motion it was ordered that we stand adjourned one hour for refreshments. "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," etc., was sung. Benediction by Moderator.

Afternoon Session.

The Moderator called the Association to order. Hymn, No. 410, was sung. Rev. A. I. Mitchell lead in prayer. Roll was called. A quorum was not present, and the Moderator announced that there would be preaching at this time by Rev. G. W. Mears, assisted by Rev. E. J. Bell.

Hymn 366 was sung. Rev. G. W. Mears read the 139th Psalm. Rev. Bell lead in prayer. Intermission, Hymn, No. 18. Rev. Bell introduced Rev. Mears as the speaker, who chose the 139th Psalm, 8th verse for his text. Brother Lewis Dudley lead in prayer. A collection of $1.02 was taken.

After services a quorum was present and business was begun. On motion it was ordered that we omit the reading of the minutes of the morning session.

The committee on revision of 17th Article reported. By motion it was ordered that report be received and committee be discharged. (See report.)

By motion we hear the report of the Treasurer. Treasurer reported. (See report.) By motion report was adopted.

By motion it was ordered that the ex-Treasurer turn over to his successor all moneys belonging to the Association.

The Committee on Special Changes reported. By motion report was received and committee discharged. (See report.)

On motion, we hear the report of the delegate from the State Convention. He made an able report, and in his report showed that he was highly benefited by visiting that august body. By motion the report was received, and it was ordered that it be appended to the Minutes. (The Secretary did not get the report in writing.)

On motion it was ordered that we be represented in the State Convention this year and Brother O. H. Lennon was elected delegate.

On motion the verbal report of the Executive Board was received and the board discharged.

By motion Revs. D. J. Moore, P. J. McKoy, A. I. Mitchell, D. D. Blanks and D. Graham were made the Executive Board; and on motion the missionary matter was left in the hands of the board.

The Finance Committee reported. By motion said report was received. Committee enlarged and to-morrow the committee be discharged.

By motion Brother R. B. Gore was excused by the body to meet Dr. Moore at the depot.

By motion Revs. N. Robinson and E. J. Bell be allowed five minutes each to represent their Associations before our body, which they did. Their remarks were very fluent and showed that their respective Associations were growing in power and living on higher planes. They urgently requested that we send messengers to their Associations.

We then appointed messengers to the various Associations as follows—viz.: To the Lumber River, Rev. D. J. Moore and P. B. Peacock; Middle District, Revs. P. J. McKoy and D. Graham; Kinston Lake, Rev. J. S. McKoy and L. Dudley; Hammon's Creek, Rev. A. I. Mitchell and O. H. Lennon; Brunswick and Atlantic, Revs. D. D. Blanks and J. A. Spaulding.

Rev. P. J. McKoy was elected Corresponding Secretary.

The matter of pastors' salaries was left in the hands of the Executive Board.

On motion it was recommended that each church in this Association take a collection some Sunday in August, 1904, for Lot Cary Convention, and the same be sent to the Corresponding Secretary.

It was moved that an order be issued on the Treasurer for the delegate's fare and the church fees and same be given to the delegate.

On motion the Clerk was allowed $8.00 for his services. By motion it was ordered we have 200 copies of the Minutes printed.

By motion it was ordered that all unfinished business, except the money matter, be turned over the Executive Board.

On motion the Finance Committee settled with Treasurer.

It was ordered that H. E. Wortham, E. S. Calvin and Rev. P. J. McKoy be added to the Finance Committee.

By motion $2.50 be paid to Rev. A. I. Mitchell for preparing and having printed fifty copies of Elders' Credentials, and by motion it was ordered that the Association charge 50 cents each.

On motion to-morrow's collection will be distributed as usual.

By motion the Association, on and after to-morrow's services, will be adjourned until Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1904, to meet with the Welche's Creek Baptist church. Doxology, and benediction by the Moderator.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

The weather was bright and clear and by 11 o'clock there was an immense congregation, and at that hour Elder Bell sang a spiritual song to the delight of all who heard him.

Rev. William DeVane, the District Missionary of the State Convention, made some very brief remarks. He then sang "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying," etc., and during the time he was representing his work raised a collection of $6.85.

Elder D. J. Moore lined Hymn, No. 800. Rev. DeVane read the lesson from the 10th chapter of Acts. Rev. N. Robinson lead in proyer. Intermission Hymn, No. 801, was lined by Rev. P. J. McKay.

By request, Rev. DeVane preached the missionary sermon. As a text he took Acts 10:4. Brother C. T. Troy led in prayer. Public collection, $10.30; blind man, $2.80; for a party who lost house by fire, $1.70. Total for the day, $21.65.

P. B. Peacock, *Clerk.* D. Graham, *Moderator.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education is the chief means of developing the human mind: therefore, be it

Resolved, That we unite our efforts in doing more for this grand cause. Our pulpits are calling for educated preachers, our school rooms are in need of educated teachers, our race, as a whole, are behind in intellectual qualification. Taking these thoughts under consideration, let us see to it that this matter be no longer neglected.

Respectfully submitted. Solomon Chestnut,
J. L. Fennell.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We recommend for daily reading the Bible; for Sunday

School the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society; for Christian newspaper *The Baptist Sentinel,* published at Raleigh, N. C.

Your committee,

D. J. Moore,
O. H. Lennon.

REPORT ON LOCATION.

We recommend that the next session of this Association convene with the Welche's Creek church Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1904, and that Rev. D. D. Blanks preach the introductory sermon, asssisted by Rev. J. S. McKoy, and charity sermon by Rev. D. Graham, assisted by Rev. P. J. McKoy.

R. B. Gore,
J. A. Jones,
Committee.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

The evil of intemperance is doing much to destroy our homes, our lives, our children and our souls. Therefore, let each minister, deacon and leader do all in their power to put this evil from among us, and let us not cease till we've put it from our homes and from the country.

Rev. E. J. Bell,
Rev. G. W. Meares.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Old money on hand		$20.47
Received at Association		34.57
		$55.04
Paid out—		
T. H. Crawford	$ 2.00	
M. Morrison	5.00	
D. D. Blanks	4.00	
Conventional expenses	10.00	
Clerk	8.00	
Minutes	12.00	
D. J. Graham	6.00	
		$47.00
Balance on hand		$ 8.04

Lewis Moore, *Treasurer.*

REPORT ON SPECIAL CHANGES.

We beg to submit the following:

WHEREAS, it has pleased all-wise God to spare the lives of all of our ordained brethren and has taken none from our ranks this year, praise God from whom all blessing flow.

Respectfully submitted, H. E. WORTHAM,
C. T. TROY.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

We, your committee, suggest that Rev. E. J. Bell will preach to-morrow (Sunday) at 2:30 o'clock.

Respectfully, H. E. WORTHAM,
REV. S. CHESTNUT,
R. B. GORE.

LIST OF ELDERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Rev. D. J. Moore.....Emerson, N. C.
Rev. J. A. Spaulding.....Elkton, N. C.
Rev. M. Morrison.....Vineland, N. C.
Rev. J. S. McKoy.....Whiteville, N. C.
Rev. P. J. McKoy.....Whiteville, N. C.
Rev. D. Graham.....Wananish, N. C.
Rev. T. H. Crawford.....Elbow, N. C.
Rev. D. D. Blanks.....Rosindale, N. C.
Rev. A. I. Mitchell.....Hallsboro, N. C.

CHURCHES, DEACONS AND POST-OFFICE.

Little Wheel of Hope—
H. Wilson, Anthony Ebron, Lake Waccamaw, N. C.
White Pond—
Jacob Powell, J. H. Mitchell, E. S. Calvin, Hallsboro, N. C.
Welche's Creek—
C. T. Troy, William Cherry, Whiteville, N. C.
Whiteville—
R. B. Gore, H. E. Wortham, Whiteville, N. C.
Sandy Plain—
Lewis Moore, A. M. Mitchell, Elkton, N. C.
St. James—
J. M. Spaulding, Council Station, N. C.
St. John—
C. J. Mitchell, Biram Jacobs, Freeman, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches and Delegates.	Baptized.	Received.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Paid.
Union P. J. McKoy, J. A. Spaulding	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	$2.00
White Pond—J. W. Williams, Lewis Dudley.	20	----	----	3	----	3	30	50	80	5.50
Sandy Plains—P. B. Peacock, O. H. Lennon.	11	----	----	----	----	1	32	37	69	5.05
St. James J. A. Jones, D. D. Blanks	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------
Whiteville—R. B. Gore, H. E Wortham	----	3	----	----	4	1	27	64	91	5.90
St. John—C. J. Mitchell, B. M. Spaulding.	9	1	----	----	----	----	21	15	36	2.85
Welche's Creek—C. T. Troy, William Cherry	2	----	----	----	----	----	12	46	58	3.50
L. Wheel of Hope—F. E. Williams, J. C. Green.	2	----	5	----	5	1	27	64	91	5.00

ANNUAL REPORT OF MODERATOR.

Dear Brethren,—We are blessed to meet again in our Nineteenth Annual Session to transact business for our God. This being true, we should do all in our power to do business which will please Him, and not ourselves. We should strive to "let brotherly love continue." This has been another successful year for the Baptist of North Carolina. All the churches in our Association seem to be moving upward, each having pastors and good Sabbath Schools, which is the hope of the Church. Therefore, let us keep an eye single to these two places—a good pastor and a good Sunday School.

I recommend St. James as a worthy mission point that needs help, as they are weak and are trying to build, and they need a good strong pastor that is worth more than they are able to pay.

Our Union is still doing a good home mission work, and some good foreign mission work.

Dear Brethren, we ought to do something for education, as that is the great moving power of the day. We have at our door one school that is striving to do something—and is doing something—and we are trusting will do more in the near future than it has in the past—viz., Thompson Institute, at Lumberton, N. C.

We want to say, to the praise of Lumber River Asssociation, that they have made one more mark in the history of the colored race toward solving the great negro problem in North Carolina by planting that school in our sister county. Shall we not put our shoulder to the wheel and help?

Then, we have one of the best schools in the South calling for our aid, as well as our boys and girls—the great Shaw University at Raleigh, N. C., for which we are indebted to the Home Mission Society, North.

Dear Brethren, send your children to school somewhere, or let's help pay for the boy or girl that will go.

And our denominational paper, *The Baptist Sentinel,* should be in every Baptist family in the State, and if it is not in your home, why not?

Our great Baptist State Convention will convene at Durham, N. C., on the 10th day of November, which is doing so much for the uplifting of our people by way of education, and mission work, both home and abroad, and claims our attention. We must send delegates there.

We must stand loyal to the Lot Cary Convention in its foreign mission work, and each church and pastor should take at least one collection each year specially for that work, and forward it to our Corresponding Secretary for the Lot Cary Convention.

Since our last session one of the foreign missionaries in Africa—Brother John Tule—and Sister Boone, the wife of another missionary—Brother Boone, in Africa—have been called from labor to reward.

Then, dear brethren, let our watchword be onward and upward. Your humble servant,

D. J. Moore.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Enrolling the delegates.
2. Organization.
3. Appointing committees.
4. Reading church letters.
5. Calling for petitionary letters.
6. Reception of corresponding delegates and visitors.
7. Appointment of corresponding delegates.
8. Report of standing committees.
9. Report of special committees.
10. Report of Treasurer.
11. Motions and resolutions.
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. Adjournment.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence, a chairman pro tem shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious service, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous day's session read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer; he shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after it has been discussed.

9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, lay on the table, to amend, to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are named.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have power to decide what subject shall be admitted to its consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Lake Waccamaw Missionary Baptist Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the several churches of the Association, each church being entitled to two delegates, and all Elders that are connected with this Association shall have the same privileges as those of delegates.

ART. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected by a majority of the members present at every session.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over all sessions of the Association and keep a strict adherence to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association and have the deciding vote. And it shall be the duty of the Vice-President to preside in the absence of the President.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the sessions of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. 8. The following committees shall be appointed at every session: Committee on Devotional Exercises, Committee on Finance, Committee on Education, Committee on Temperance, and other committees may be appointed when needed.

ART. 9. The Association shall elect an Executive Committee, consisting of not less than five nor more than seven members, which committee shall have the superintendence of all the Association missions and colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps for

their advancement as they may deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings, and shall continue in office until their successors are known.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship with any of her churches or ministers who neglect to preserve Gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of the Association shall commence on Friday before the third Sabbath in October, at such places as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an introductory sermon of a denominational character, and a missionary sermon.

ART. 14. This constitution may be amended or restricted at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ART. 15. The Executive Board shall have power to receive churches into the Association at any of its regular meetings.

ART. 16. All applicants for ordination shall come under the hands of the Executive Board or the Association body. All applicants for Elder's orders shall have a thorough knowledge of the following principles: Reading, writing, grammar and arithmetic, also a knowledge of history.

ART. 17. Each church shall pay 10 cents for each male and 5 cents for each female member that it has on roll represents in the Association, and each pastor of a church belonging to this Association shall pay 25 cents.

RULES OF DECORUM OF THE CHURCHES.

1. We will hold at least four conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business; also special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice of the absence of those who evince a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every Conference the pastor in his right of office shall preside as Moderator; and in case of absence the Con-

ference shall appoint a Moderator pro tem, who shall open the Conference by devotional exercises.

4. The Clerk shall keep a church book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting, except that of voting.

6. Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debated and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of Brother and confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission of the church.

8. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without permission from the Moderator.

9. It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the directions of our Lord—Matthew, chapter xviii, 16th, 17th and 18th verses—and public offences, or such as operate against the peace of the church, shall be the subject of discipline.

10. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members into fellowship, and every question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any who voted in the affirmative.

11. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote; shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate; may express his own views after others are done speaking and shall se that the rules are faithfully observed.

12. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all churches that compose this body.